

Appl. No. : **10/615,333**
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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are responsive to the July 11, 2005 Office Action. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Response to Rejection of Claims 18-19 Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

The Examiner rejected Claims 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,995,858 to Kinast. Applicants respectfully disagree and assert that Kinast does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. However, in order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants have canceled Claims 18-19.

Response to Rejection of Claims 1-3 and 10-12 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,919,134 to Diab. Applicants respectfully disagree and assert that Kinast does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. However, in order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants have canceled Claims 1-3 and 10-12.

Objection to Claims 4-9

The Examiner objected to Claims 4-9 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that Claims 4-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 6, and 7 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 5 depends from Claim 4, and thus, the objection to Claim 5 is traversed by the amendments to Claim 4. Claims 8 and 9 depend from Claim 7, and thus, the objection to Claims 8 and 9 are traversed by the amendments to Claim 7.

Applicants assert that Claims 4-9 are in condition for allowance, and Applicants request allowance of Claims 4-9.

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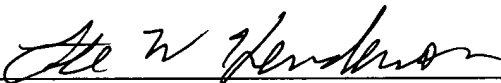
Summary

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 4-9 and 13-17 are allowable, and Applicants request allowance of Claims 4-9 and 13-7. If there are any remaining issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (949) 721-6305 or at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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